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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) PATENT
Hans BERGER et al.) GROUP: 3627
Serial No.: 09/854,560) EXAMINER: Ronald LANEAU
Filed: May 15, 2001) CUSTOMER NO.: 25269
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR) CONFIRMATION NO.: 8137
MANAGEMENT OF OPERATING
MATERIALS AND/OR SUPPLIES OF AN
ANALYZER OR ANALYZING SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 24, 2006

Sir:

The undersigned has received the Office Action of November 30, 2005 and has reported it to the applicants. The applicants have carefully reviewed the examiner's prior art rejections; however, they firmly believe that these rejections are incorrect and offer the following comments.¹

A. With respect to the examiner's rejection of claims 1-4, 19, 20, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over LoBiondo et al., the inventors assert that this rejection is totally without merit.

As noted in previous filings, LoBiondo et al. describe a consumable supplies monitoring/ordering system for reprographic equipment, e.g., for

¹ The undersigned discussed the first few of these comments to the examiner during a telephone conference on April 11, 2006. The examiner asked that they be presented in writing.